

November 1, 2005

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer and Gerald Atha, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Ken Lander, Lisa Harrison of the Human Resources Department, Financial Officer Christie Pickens and Planning Director Mike Martin, WCWSA Chairman Timmy Shelnutt and Authority Members Shirlene Huff, Julian Hammond, Judy McDaniel, Lester Middlebrooks and Rob Kiser. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date. Commissioner Robinson did not attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Walton County Chamber of Commerce President Teri Wommack presented a contract for Chamber services and reviewed various services provided by the Chamber.

Joyce Stephens and members of the Board of the Boy's & Girl's Club of Walton County presented the Board with the John P. Stephens, Sr. All Heart Award for support of the Boy's & Girl's Club of Walton County.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a Walton County Water System Operational Audit.

Duane Schlereth of Bates, Carter & Company presented an Agreed Upon Procedures Report for the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2005, October 4, 2005 and October 6, 2005 meetings. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Lisa Harrison of the Personnel Department presented employee new hires, promotions and a transfer for the record. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the new hires, promotions and transfer as presented. All voted in favor.

Anthony Carter of the Public Defender's Office requested approval for reallocation of funds from the department's personnel budget. After discussion, Commissioner Turner

made a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Steve Couch requested approval for the position of Fire Code Specialist and for the position to be transferred to the Planning & Development Department. Chief Couch stated that the job description for this position is the same as the Fire Marshall/Battalion Chief position previously approved by the Board, but would be working out of the Planning & Development Office to provide a one stop shop that will be user friendly for builders and developers. He added that the Fire Code Specialist would still be able to assist Fire Rescue with fire code enforcement issues and help train personnel for future fire code inspection duties. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the position and to approve the appropriate budget transfer. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion.

The Board considered an amendment to the Deferred Compensation Plan Document as required under the Internal Revenue Code Section 457 regulations. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the amendment. All voted in favor.

Financial Officer Christi Pickens presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the purchases and contracts as presented. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve payment of County Attorney Ken Landers' monthly invoice. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve opening a bank account for the C.D.B.G. Boys and Girls Club project. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve opening a bank account for Impact Fees. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a refund for James Michael Martinez & Laura M. Martinez in the amount of \$337.68 for Tax Year 2004 and \$327.99 for Tax Year 2003, as recommended by the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a refund for Joan E. Evans in the amount of \$884.56 for Tax Year 2003, as recommended by the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on a refund for Judy Krieger for further review by the Tax Assessors Office. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the following appointments to the Development Authority of Walton County: Morris Jordan – 4-year term expiring 11/30/09, Neal Jackson – 3-year term expiring 11/30/07, Coleman Landers – 2-year term expiring 11/30/07, Anne Peppers – 1-year term expiring 11/30/06 and Peyton Pettus – Walton County Chamber of Commerce Representative – 1-year term expiring 11/30/06. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little read aloud a proclamation proclaiming November 15, 2005 as America Recycles Day in Walton County. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve an annual contract with the Walton County Chamber of Commerce. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the proposed S.R. 138 Extension Project. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon the County receiving a legal document securing funds for engineering costs from another entity and/or property owner, with the County's maximum commitment of \$100,000.00 for engineering costs. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for engineering services for the S.R. 138 Extension Project. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the proposal contingent upon the County receiving a legal document securing funds for engineering costs from another entity and/or property owner, with the County's maximum commitment of \$100,000.00 for engineering costs. He further moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the document securing the funds for engineering costs. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the annual Cooperative Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve the following Department of Juvenile Justice Purchase of Service contracts: Slade McCullough, James Vance, Jr., Charlie Rodriguez and Christopher Taylor. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a contract change order with Harrison & Harrison, Inc. for relocation of sewer lines at the front of Felker Park to accommodate the new location for the Boys and Girls Club facility. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Fire Chief Steve Couch requested approval to purchase equipment and a service agreement from Fire & Emergency Training Network for in house fire training. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the purchase and service agreement. All voted in favor.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken at the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority's October 17, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Turner made a motion not to ratify Items 1 & 2. After discussion, Commissioner Turner rescinded his motion.

At 8:15 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor.

At 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor. No votes were taken in executive session.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken at the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority's October 17, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Turner made a motion not to ratify Item 1 – To allow Wendell Geiger to sign all checks for budgeted items along with one of the following: Chairman Timmy Shelnett, Vice Chairman Rob Kiser, or Secretary Shirlene Huff. Item 2 – Leaving the Authority's fiscal year as is for now, cancel the June 30th audit with Bates, Carter and Company and have Treadwell Tamplin and Company perform year ending audit for October 31, 2005 period. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously. Commissioner Turner made a motion not to ratify Item 3 – Legal Matters. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve a Release and Covenant Not to Sue – In Re George, et al v. Walton County Board of Commissioners and to authorize Chairman Little and the County Attorney to execute the necessary documents. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered ratification of actions taken at the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority's October 25, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to ratify actions taken with exception of Item 9 – Budget for FY06. She further moved to approve the Authority to operate on 1/12 of the FY05 budget for the months of November and December 2005, plus debt service. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 8:35 p.m., Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DISTRICT 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5